
Introduced by Senator Margett

March 21, 2006

Senate Resolution No. 27—Relative to “Asthma Awareness Day.”

1 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and
2 Prevention, an estimated 20.7 million adults in the United States
3 have been diagnosed with asthma; and
4 WHEREAS, According to the National Institutes of Health,
5 more than 70 percent of people with asthma also have allergies;
6 and
7 WHEREAS, According to the National Institute of Allergy
8 and Infectious Disease, 10 million Americans suffer specifically
9 from allergic asthma; and
10 WHEREAS, Asthma is the number one long-term disease
11 among children, affecting over nine million children under the
12 age of 18 years; and
13 WHEREAS, There were nearly two million asthma-related
14 visits to hospital emergency departments in 2002, including
15 727,000 for children under 18 years of age; and
16 WHEREAS, In 2002, there were 4,261 deaths from asthma;
17 and
18 WHEREAS, Asthma-related health care costs are estimated at
19 \$14 billion annually; and
20 WHEREAS, Asthma accounts for 14.7 million missed school
21 days and 11.8 million work days annually; and
22 WHEREAS, Efforts such as World Asthma Day, established
23 in 1998 and recognized by health care groups and asthma groups
24 around the United States and the world, have increased
25 awareness of the burden of asthma and improved asthma care
26 worldwide; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the
2 Senate hereby proclaims April 21, 2006, as “Asthma Awareness
3 Day”; and be it further
4 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
5 this resolution to the author for distribution.